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 Serial No.: 09/977,159)
 Filed: October 11, 2001)
 For: METHOD, SYSTEM, AND PROGRAM)
 FOR SECURELY PROVIDING KEYS TO)
 ENCODE AND DECODE DATA IN A)
 STORAGE CARTRIDGE)

Examiner: Firmin Backer

Art Unit: 3621

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AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

This amendment is submitted in response to a non-final office action dated November 8, 2005, in which the Examiner rejected all the claims as anticipated (35 U.S.C. §102) over cited art ("Third Office Action"). On February 7th, the attorney for Applicants and the Examiner held a phone interview to discuss the rejections. Although no agreement was reached during the interview, the Examiner said he would review the rejection in view of Applicants arguments, which are presented herein. Applicants amended certain claims to remove the "capable" language as requested by the Examiner. Applicants submit that all pending claims 1-43 are patentable over the cited art and in condition for allowance for the reasons discussed herein.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 12.